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YSU pitcher makes successful return after career threatening injury followed by Tommy John surgery. See page 6.



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Dr. Syretha Cooper Scholarship Committee and Student Social Work Association and adviser, Dr. Shirley Keller will be presenting a check to the Youngstown State Foundation on April 7 to establish the Dr. Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship will be for an African American student majoring in social work.

The presentation will take place at 3:15 p.m. on Social Work Day, Thursday, April 7 in Kilcawley Center.

Questions can be directed to Carl Hiver, SSWA president at (330) 539-6596

Applications for Homecoming Chair

Applications are being taken from students enrolled for the fall semester who are interested in becoming this year's Homecoming Chair. Students are encouraged to submit a letter of interest along with a short resume detailing their qualifications to Greg Gulas, assistant director for Student Activities by 5 p.m. Friday, April 15 in the Student Activities office, room 2100 of Kilcawley Center.

For more information, call (330) 941-3580.

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Turnout 'exceeded expectation'

While candidates stumped for one final time, YSU students voted in the SGA elections

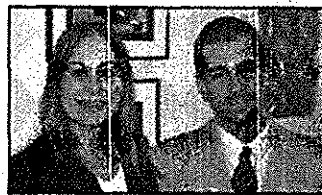
By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Youngstown State University students took part in the Student Government Association elections Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students voted with online ballots for SGA president, vice president and student representatives. Running for the position of president were Aaron Dages, his running mate Todd Diehl and Bob McGovern and his running mate Amanda Mielke.

Also on the ballot were two issues regarding SGA: a resolution to establish a budget authority and an amendment to the legislative body's ability to overturn a presidential veto.

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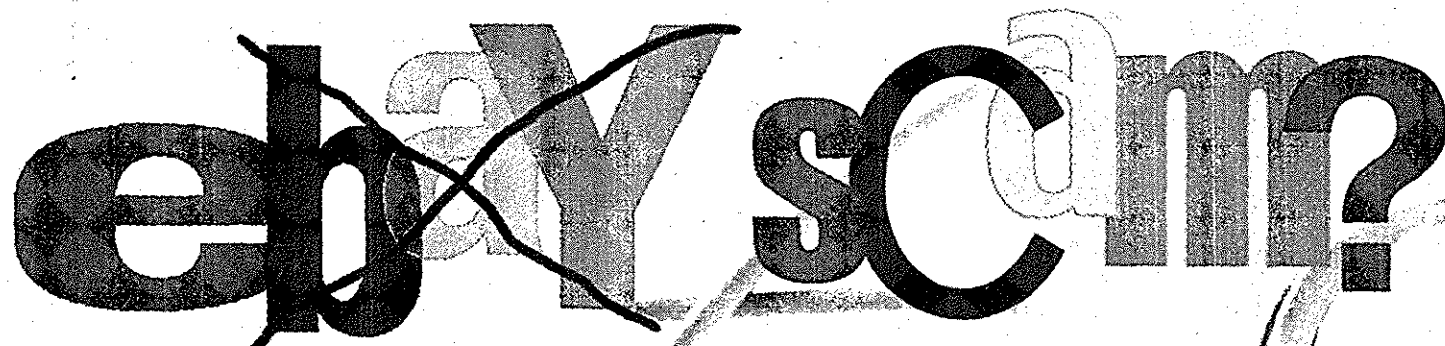


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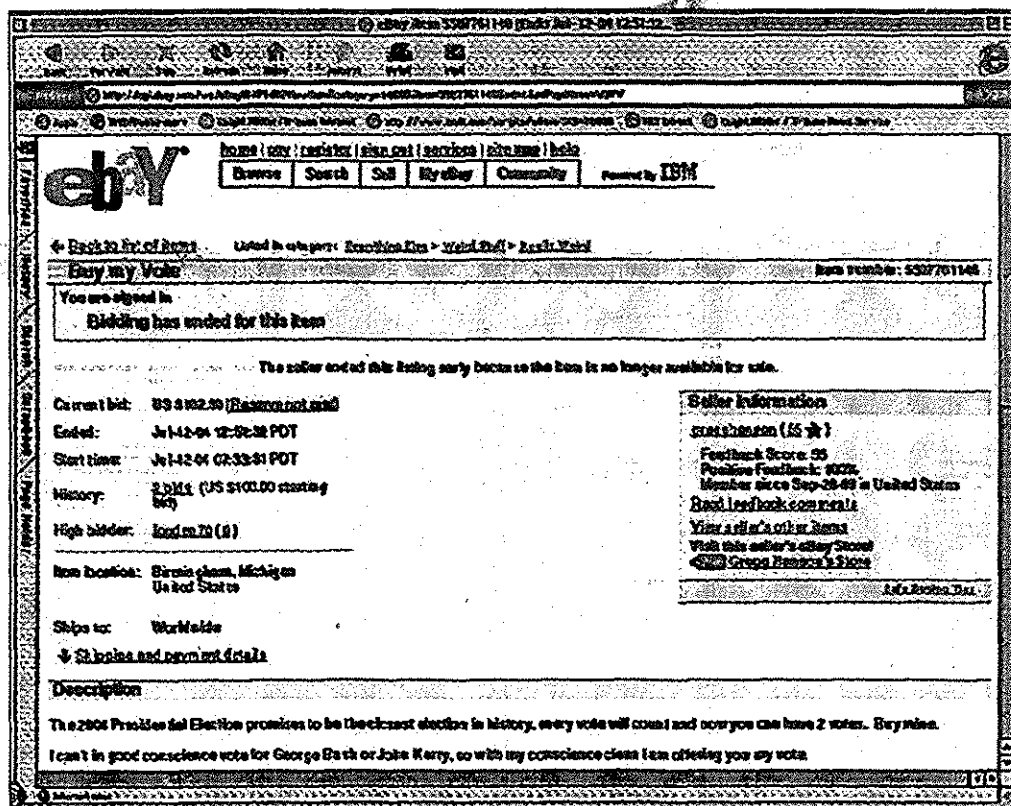


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A JAMBAR INVESTIGATION



You might think eBay is a full proof way to buy merchandise on the net. Some students say you should think again.



Scammers on eBay

While touted as one of the safest places to purchase merchandise online, some students have had less than positive experiences with eBay. (KRT Campus)

By Nick Kloss
The Jambar

It blazingly proclaims itself as the world's premier online auction. But naive consumers beware. A Jambar investigation of eBay has turned up stories showing it's not always certain you'll get what you bargained for when you tune into the Mecca for online shoppers.

Since its launch, eBay has become a shady outpost for online scammers looking to scarf down a quick buck from the unsuspecting bidder. The scams have become so frequent that the FBI claims one in every 400 auctions are not legit, with some of those hitting very close to home.

For Anthony Roscoe, a junior majoring in psychology, eBay was a last resort for his quest for a particular CD.

After being told a disc by the band Minus the Bear was no longer being sold at his local record store, he opted for an

eBay auction that eventually ended his quest.

Using Paypal, a credit card payment method favored by eBay and other online vendors, Roscoe paid the \$21.50 for the item. He even received an e-mail from the company notifying him they had received his credit card information and another e-mail telling him the CD was on its way.

"I never got it," said Roscoe. "Not until I sent a couple angry e-mails did I get some sort of response."

Finally, the New York City record vendor, Village Records, sang up to Roscoe. However, not the tune he had hoped to hear.

"They sent me a CD. The wrong one," he said. After sending more e-mails to the seller about his misfortune, the company agreed to exchange the disc for the correct one. After sending the disc back to its Manhattan origins, his

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YSU

Midterm evaluations recommended

Academic Senate pushes for midterm progress reports

By Leonard Crist
The Jambar

A midterm progress report that would serve as an early warning for faculty advisers was recommended Wednesday by the Youngstown State University Academic Senate.

Under the recommendation presented to the senate by the Academic Standards committee, course instructors would evaluate their students midway through the semester, noting if the students were making progress with a grade of "C" or above, at risk of fail-

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YSU

Construction going smoothly

Officials say 'things are progressing' with the new rec center

By Maysoun Abdelrasul
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's new Andrews Recreation and Wellness Center is coming along nicely with no problems, according to construction officials, and will be a welcome addition to the campus for many students.

Tom Baker, architect for Strollo Architects, said construction is moving along as scheduled.

"Things are progressing and we will continue to move forward," he said.

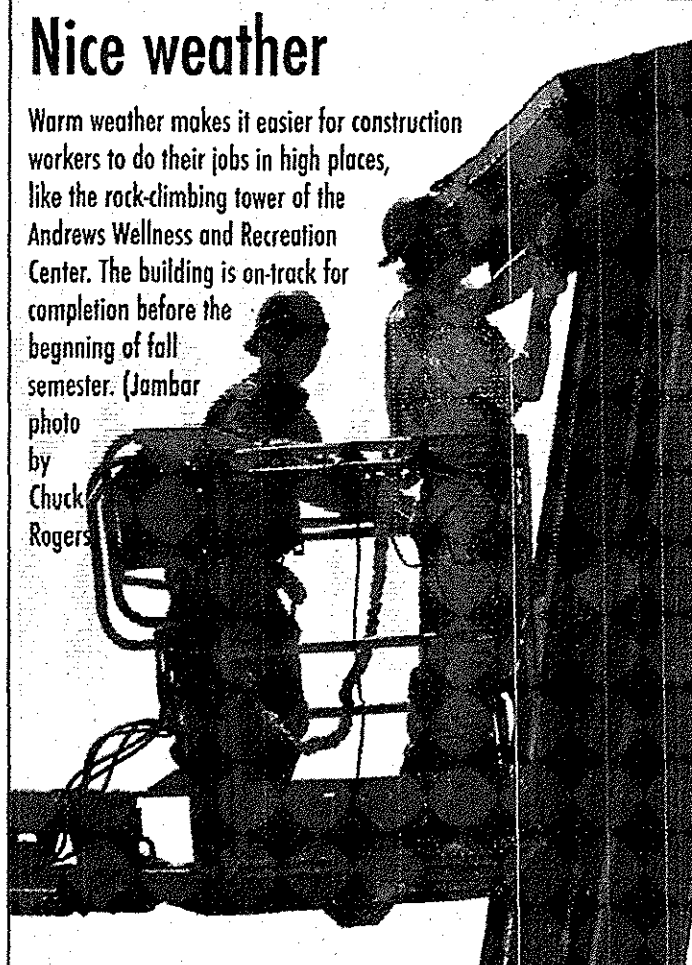
Currently, the building is being enclosed in glass and some painting is being done inside, he said. Also, the roof is in the process of being placed.

Dennis Clouse, director of Campus Planning and Construction, said he is happy with the progression of the building.

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Nice weather

Warm weather makes it easier for construction workers to do their jobs in high places, like the rock-climbing tower of the Andrews Wellness and Recreation Center. The building is on-track for completion before the beginning of fall semester. (Jambar photo by Chuck Rogers)



YOUNGSTOWN

Recycling 'mega-man' moves up to new position

Jim Petuch will become director of a Mahoning County recycling program

By Bill Rodgers
The Jambar

Youngstown State University's resident recycling mega-man Jim Petuch will leave his position as manager of the campus recycling program on April 5 and use his talents as the director of the Mahoning County Commissioners Reuse and

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Recycling program.

Petuch said he has his work cut out for him. He says he needs to bring Mahoning County "up to speed" with its recycling program.

"The recycling level is 25 percent by law. I'm leaving a place [YSU] that was doing great at 35 percent and coming to a place that's much lower," Petuch said. "It'll be tough, but I'll increase it."

Petuch said he was "enthusiastic" to come back to his old job. Petuch used to work with Mahoning County's recycling program in 1982 after leaving a job as a high school teacher. He came to YSU in 1998 when YSU's recycling program was down in the dumps, so to speak.

"In 1998, YSU was the worst school for recycling in the entire state. Out of the 12 public schools in Ohio, we

were dead last," Petuch said.

As if the mounds of university garbage weren't enough, Petuch said the attitudes he encountered stank just as much.

"People were pessimistic about the program working. No one thought that it could work. But I started with the outlook that I could make it work. And I did," Petuch said.

Petuch brought YSU's recycling program from its filthy condition and cleaned it up until it was something to be proud of. Under his direction, YSU's recycling program won two state and one national Waste-Wise awards. Today YSU's recycling program competes with universities throughout the state and the nation, beating out universities like Carnegie Mellon and Yale.

"And their budgets are big-

ger than ours!" Petuch exclaimed, "It's a miracle what we did with the program using only a little money."

Petuch's first step was to put recycling bins everywhere on campus. Today there are around 1,000 bins throughout campus. Petuch said the reason for having so many was to keep recycling simple and convenient for the students and staff at YSU.

"Recycling has to be convenient or else people won't do it," Petuch said.

Convenience recycles 377 tons of materials per year.

He also began different programs on campus to keep reusable materials out of the garbage. Petuch began Re-create, a reuse program that takes old, unwanted items from around campus and donates them to charities. Petuch said 25 tons of "garbage" a year is saved through this program.

He began a similar program in the YSU dormitories. The "YSU Dump-N-Run" sets boxes in dormitory hallways when students are moving out for the summer. Students can throw reusable items in the boxes that are then trucked to area charities.

The transition from YSU to the county has not slowed Petuch down one step. He says the very first thing he's doing is increasing the number of drop-off sites in the county from 24 to 36.

Petuch urges everyone who reads this to keep recycling and to not stop. He said anyone who wants more information on YSU's recycling program can call (330) 941-3237 until his replacement is found.

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OUR SIDE

People too quick to only praise pope

Caught in the frenzy of his death, people have been too quick to dismiss the controversial—and in some cases downright backward—views of Pope John Paul II.

In a blow to women's rights, this pontiff spoke out against the use of contraception, citing the importance of motherhood rather than a woman's choice to control her reproductive life. In supporting such a line of thinking, the pope can also be seen as helping propagate the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa (home of one of the largest growing populations of Catholics in the world) and around the globe.

He also shot down the idea of gays and women entering the leadership of churches. Using the Bible and the church as a way to discriminate against "God's children" in no way constitutes a benevolent worldview.

In just days, the world has been swept into constant coverage of the death of the pontiff. Thousands, including world leaders and politicians, have flocked to The Vatican to view the body of the pope. News reports estimate that between 15,000 and 18,000 people pass through the viewing area per hour.

To assume the position as pope, a vow of humility and poverty must be taken. This man's funeral in no way displays either of these attributes. One would assume it would better serve the Catholic perspective for followers to donate their time and money to more worthy causes, such as impoverished children or helping Third World Nations.

This is not to say that this pope does not deserve any praise. He was best known for his stance against Communism and helped ignite the Solidarnosc (Solidarity) Movement in his home country of Poland. He had a love of the arts and was known the world over for his sense of humor. In some of his more progressive moves, this pontiff spoke out against the death penalty and was outspoken against the Iraq war. He also made the most of the media to attract people to the Catholic faith.

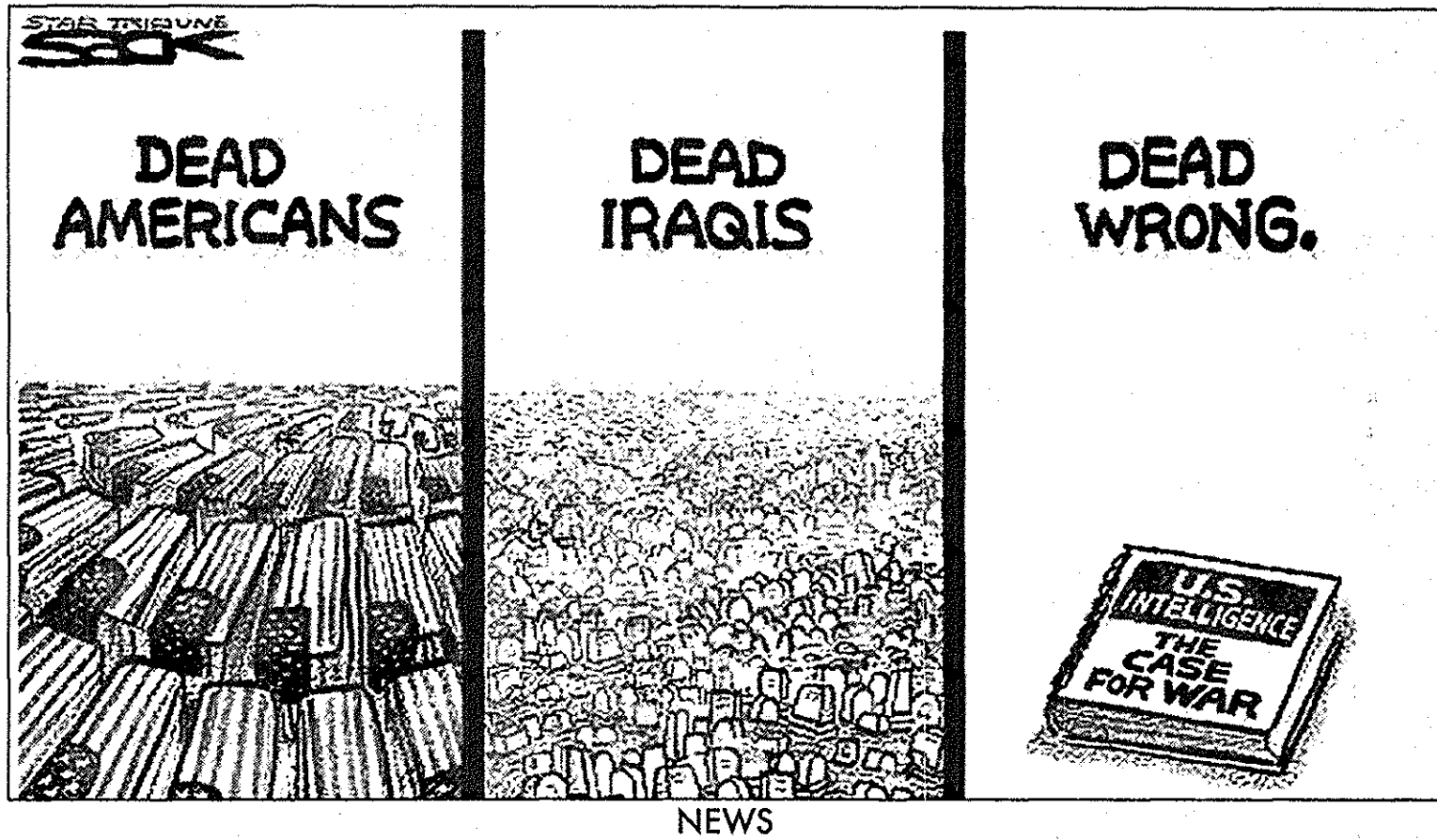
Our leaders here in the United States will make the trip to The Vatican for the Pope's funeral on Friday. The list of U.S. attendees include George W. Bush, first lady Laura Bush, former presidents Bush and Clinton and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Having these five representatives of the U.S. government attend the ceremony is an understandable and welcome diplomatic gesture. However, the U.S. Senate is sending a 14-member delegation and the House is sending a delegation of about two-dozen members to attend the funeral. Congress will be out of session Thursday and Friday. Our country was founded on the idea of the separation of church and state, and to have our government grind to a halt due to the pope's death undermines this notion. John Paul II should be remembered as an important figurehead for one of the world's largest religions, however his position should not exclude him from criticism, even at the time of his death.

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ing due to poor performance, or had not completed class work, which would signify the student is failing because he or she is not attending class.

The evaluations would help academic advisers more accurately gauge a student's progress when recommending courses for the next semester, Tod Porter, the committee's chair, said.

"The adviser, ideally, would like to have some information from the faculty member about how the student is progressing — this would give them that," Porter said. "One of the things advisers were claiming is that students tended to be optimistic about how they were doing. Students might not be faring well in a course, but the student doesn't indicate that.

The adviser then is led to assume the student is going to be ready to take the next course in the sequence."

Ideally the evaluations would be implemented via the student module in the new SCT Banner computer system that is being installed and implemented on campus, Porter said.

The student module of the new system, which will be used, among other things, to report final grades, is set to be implemented by spring 2007, Dona Madacsi, the associate director for application systems, said.

She said she was not sure if the system is capable of recording midterm evaluations.

"Until we really get into it to see how its really been designed,

we just don't have all that information yet because we didn't start it yet," Madacsi said. She noted, however, that SCT Banner is "one of the richest packages out there in the marketplace today," and that it has a lot of functionality with regards to grading.

Before the evaluations can become a reality, the YSU-Ohio Education Association union would have write the recommendation into its new contract, which expires in July, Porter said. The Academic Senate does not have the authority to require faculty complete midterm evaluations, he said.

Porter said he had not yet contacted YSU-OEA officials, and calls to Michael Finney, the union's president confirmed that.

The university's chief negotiator, Tom Maraffa, also had not heard of the recommendation as of Wednesday afternoon.

YSU's Center for Student Progress already offers a similar midterm evaluation program, however, faculty participation is voluntary, Jonelle Beatrice, the center's director said. More than 2,500 students receive midterm grades through the center and about 75 percent of faculty responds to the grading requests, she said. The current program is inefficient, labor intensive and difficult to generate multiple reports that would go out to other sources, Beatrice said.

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Students were able to vote at polling places located in the Laricia International Student Lounge in Kilcawley Center and in the lobby of Maag Library. Voting was conducted online so students were also able to vote from home using their CUE-mail ID and password. Someone from the YSU Help Desk was on-hand at each of the sites to help students who could not remember their passwords log into the voting system.

Laura Canale, Elections Board Commissioner for SGA elections, said voting ran smoothly, and the online voting system was not causing problems. Canale added the online method was responsible for a good voter turnout.

"The voter turnout exceeded our expectation," Canale said. "We were concerned that the turnout would be lower because only two candidates were running for president but we've had a lot of students coming in to vote and voting from home."

Canale said the Help Desk employees were helping the elections run well. The Help Desk employees helped students log into the voting system. If a student did not know their CUE-mail password, the

Help Desk employees reset it so the student could vote.

"We haven't had anyone unable to vote because of CUE-mail [problems]," Canale said.

Canale said she would like to see some issues addressed before next year's campaigns and elections. She said she took note of how some students were wearing campaign T-shirts in Kilcawley Center. Canale said this was a problem because candidates are not allowed to campaign inside of Kilcawley Center.

Some students around Kilcawley Center Wednesday said they were having problems voting. A few said that they were not sure where the polling places were located.

Sophomore James Kilgore said the polls were hard to find. His feelings were echoed by freshman Rachel Horkey, who said they were not specified and there were no obvious signs identifying a polling place.

"I was going to vote, but I don't know where to go to do it. I just heard that I could vote inside Kilcawley," Horkey said. "They need to hang more signs telling us where to go."

John Jenyk, secretary of tech-

nology for SGA, was on-hand at some of the polling places to help reset student's CUE-mail passwords. He also designed a Web site linked through SGA's site that outlined the issues being voted on.

Jenyk said he was busy helping students reset their CUE-mail passwords, and in the space of two hours he reset the passwords on 15 different accounts.

Jenyk said there were no big problems with the voting system, but he said one of the employees from the Help Desk called off work, causing some staffing problems at the polls.

"One person can't do the job by themselves," Jenyk said.

Campaigning
SGA presidential candidates and their supporters campaigned outside of Kilcawley Center Tuesday and Wednesday. McGovern and Mielke painted the rock behind Kilcawley Center and both sets of candidates passed out fliers and gave campaign T-shirts to their supporters to wear around campus.

On Tuesday, seniors Brad Adair and Kristin Anania were outside of Kilcawley Center campaigning for Dages and Diehl. They said they

were up as early as 5:30 a.m. printing out fliers and were on campus campaigning by 8 a.m.

"We're the underdogs so we're working three times as hard," Anania said. While campaigning on Tuesday, Dages said he expected a good voter turnout.

"I've passed out more fliers than I expected to," Dages said. "I expect the voter turnout to be higher than it ever was before."

McGovern said he spent most of the two days campaigning, passing out fliers and talking to potential voters.

"Obviously our platform deals a lot with an SGA that listens, and that's what I would do. I'm writing down [students'] concerns so I don't forget them," McGovern said.

McGovern said he expected a big voter turnout for this year, but he said he was unable to make any projections on his chances of winning the presidency.

Canale said results of the elections should be in by 7 p.m. today, provided no grievance procedure is filed.

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dealings with the store ended.

Roscoe is one of hundreds with similar eBay stories of woe. These consumers claim they ordered the merchandise, paid for it, patiently waited and waited and then gave up.

Buyers and sellers on e-Bay are given user ratings where the involved parties leave negative, positive, or neutral feedback based on the outcome of the sale. Due to the seller's high rating, Roscoe figured it was safe to bid and did not expect to be taken.

Roscoe now ponders whether the seller was in fact a business or an individual disguising their identity as a business to make fast money.

Though there have not been any unauthorized transactions made on

his credit card to date, Roscoe fears the fact that someone out there has his card number.

Fortunately, Roscoe was able to get the disc that he finally wanted after taking a second chance on what he believes is a more reliable source, Amazon.com.

But what is eBay doing to stay loyal to its patrons who are bitten by bad sales?

According to eBay's fraud insurance policy, buyers who have been taken are entitled to \$1 back from the company for a purchase of \$26 with the maximum reimbursement being \$175 for products priced at \$500 or more.

Moreover, the eBay policy claims to investigate all reported auc-

tion fraud.

However, the compensation is often a pittance to what was spent for goods never received and because of the amount of fraud taking place eBay is swamped with cases to investigate daily.

With 93 million registered users and 800 world-wide eBay investigators, some users suspect that the San Jose, Calif., company is not doing all that it can.

According to news reports, lurking in the shadows are users who are self-proclaimed "vigilantes" out to deter sellers from scamming the unsuspecting bidder.

In 2003, vigilantes were responsible for nabbing a fraud duo in Arizona that had previously taken a

sum of \$110,000 from eBay users.

In the news reports, the vigilante's contend the greatest challenge in stopping fraudulent sellers is determining their true location. They claim that despite what location may be given by the seller for the purposes of an account or auction, most of the time, a seller is not where they in fact say they are.

Despite the good deeds done by the group, eBay claims that it can more than handle such investigations on its own and does not feel the public should butt in on the law and states all investigations are resolved in a "timely manner."

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► **Prosecutors slam Martha**
 Prosecutors lash out at Martha Stewart after the domestic diva requested that her sentence be lessened. Stewart is currently serving 5-month's house arrest.

YSU

The Godfather takes second place

Engineering students constructed a concrete canoe in a competition with other universities

By Chuck Rogers
 The Jambar

The Godfather took the students far out into the lake. Water lapped at the sides of their concrete container as they splashed and struggled, hoping to somehow come out on top. Before long, it was all over. They had lost — but at least they took second place.

Unlike some fictional crime boss, Youngstown State University's Godfather was not bent on drowning them — it was trying to keep them afloat.

The Godfather is the name given to a concrete canoe constructed by YSU civil engineering students, who paddled the boat Friday in a race between similar craft from other universities.

Each year, student chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers hold a concrete canoe-building competition.

This is the YSU College of Engineering's third consecutive year in the contest, and despite missing the top honor, project manager Adam DePizzo said his team is satisfied with second place — for now.

"We're very pleased," he said, "because this is our best finish to date. We've never finished close to that."

The event, hosted this year

by the University of Cincinnati, was held at AJ Jolly Park in Campbell County, Kentucky. Teams from a dozen universities in Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania competed for superiority in design, presentation, construction and, of course, race results.

Constructing the Godfather was a group effort, DePizzo said. The team consisted of 13 civil engineering students, mostly seniors, who spent more than 1,000 man-hours building the boat.

The concrete used for the canoe is a special mix of cement combined with expanded shale for lightness, DePizzo said.

The mixture was placed over a mold and has a reinforcing layer of polypropylene mesh incorporated into it. It took 28 days for the material to cure, or become dry enough for use.

This year's construction material is different from that used in 2004, because the rules change every year. Engineering Dean Cynthia Hirtzel said the changes make it more challenging.

"They make it as hard for the kids as they can," she said.

The result is a rock-hard 21-foot long canoe that weighs only 150 pounds and can hold up to 2,500 pounds — with a pin-stripe-suited Pete the Penguin on the bow.

The canoe had to be rugged to compete in the races — three 200-meter sprints and two 600-meter slaloms paddled by teams of up to four students.

YSU's team finished ahead of competitors including Ohio State University, Carnegie Mellon University and University of Cincinnati — they even lapped the UC team during one of the races. But in the end, Western Kentucky placed first in the competition for their 10th consecutive year.

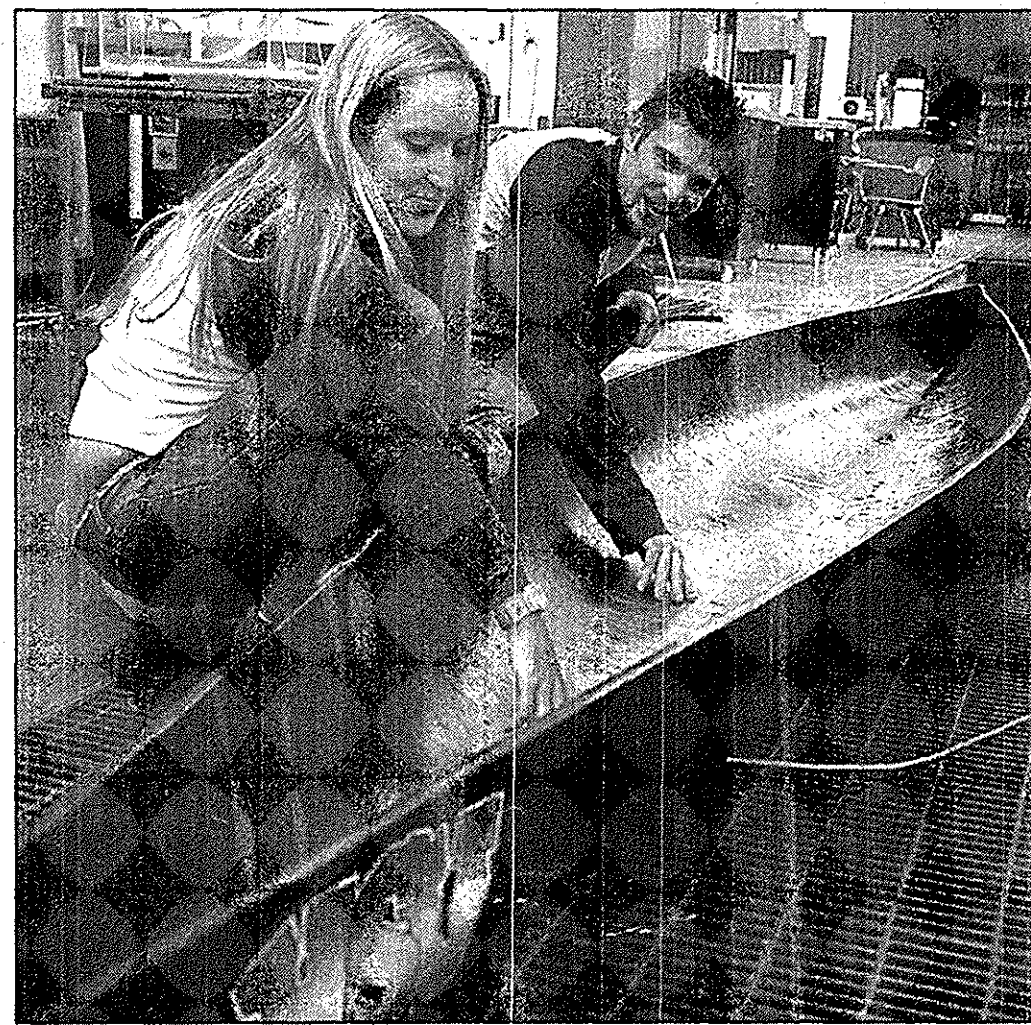
Athletics, not engineering, DePizzo said, contributed to YSU's place in the competition.

"The problem was," he said, "the winning school had Olympic-caliber paddlers out there."

The engineering college plans to compete again next year, DePizzo said, with an eye on making it to the national competition.

Other members of the YSU concrete canoe team included: sophomores Bil Pitoscia, Kevin Lynch and Shaun Miller, seniors Rob Curran, Keith Straight, Ryan Murphy, Angela Zwick, Wendy McCoy, Paul Rauschenberg, Jon Locketti, and Jon Bolha and YSU graduate Brent Barrett.

Call Chuck Rogers at (330) 941-1807



Godfather

Right, YSU civil engineering students tested their concrete canoe, The Godfather, Wednesday at the Moser Engineering Building to make sure it would float — even when filled with water. They came in second in Friday's concrete canoe competition held at the University of Cincinnati. Above, Wendy McCoy (left) and Rob Curran (right), both seniors, look for cracks in the canoe's hull after the floatation test. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)



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"We wanted to give him a great opportunity where there would not be much pressure," Florak said

Nearly a year after the surgery, Wells said there is still some discomfort.

"It is still not the same, everything is a little bit tighter," Wells said. "Now I am quite sore after I pitch and I need to do a little more running and stretching."

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POLICE BLOTTER

A Youngstown City police officer was working security detail at Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity on March 26 when he saw a man fall out the second floor window. The man climbed off the window, onto the porch roof and then rolled off the roof, landing on the concrete driveway, according to the police report. The officer observed the man was intoxicated and smelled of an alcoholic beverage.

Youngstown State University Police observed a man in Williamson Hall at 2 a.m. on April 4. Police stopped and questioned him and he said he was attempting to light a cigarette. The man showed the officer several smoked cigarette butts that were in his coat pocket. A check through LEADS showed there was an active warrant issued by Youngstown for criminal trespassing and resisting arrest. He was taken into custody then transported to Mahoning County Sheriff's office.

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grams twice before at both Central State and Southern, and said turning around programs is his specialty.

"I am a rebuildier," Grant said. "I take a lot of pride in my job."

In his first year at Southern, the Jaguars recorded double digits in wins for the first time since the 1999-2000 campaign.

Another aspect of the game Grant hopes to improve

on pending his hire is the amount of wins at Beeghly Center.

"Going five of 10 is not acceptable. It is very important to win at home," Grant said.

If nothing else, Grant a Cleveland native, believes attendance will go up with his hire.

"I think attendance will go up at least 100 with just my family members alone."

While Grant proved to be

full of explosive energy, Wednesday's interview with Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Gary Edwards was more relaxed and cool.

Edwards interviewed Wednesday afternoon and agreed with Grant that pushing the university to recruits is a key factor in achieving success.

"There are some great things happening here," Edwards said. "I need to be visible in the community. The

way to do that is to go out there and kiss babies and shake hands," Edwards said laughingly.

Edwards has been the headman at IUP for the last nine seasons, including five seasons with 20 or more wins.

Replicating that success at YSU, however, will take time, Edwards said.

"I am realistic enough to know it is going to take some time to rebuild this program," Edwards said. "If you want to do it right, it is going to take some time."

Edwards also said building trust in current players and with possible recruits is an important ingredient in building a successful program. Edwards hopes he can earn that trust if given the opportunity to lead the Penguins next season.

"It takes time for trust. You can't force trust, you earn trust," Edwards said.

Interviews will resume today when Gannon University's Jerry Slocum will be on campus for the next round of interviews.

Call Justin Smolkovich at (330) 941-3758

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He said there are degrees of completion in electronic wiring. Some of the insulation being installed and the painting of the cardio-fitness room are signs the project is moving on schedule, Clouse said.

Workers are beginning work on the 18,500 sq. ft. sports forum. Baker said they are pouring concrete for the floor. The sports forum includes multi-purpose courts with the option of isolating each court.

By the end of the month, the meditation area should be entirely closed-in with glass, Baker said. The area is designed for faculty, staff and the students to relax from their busy lives.

Baker said the weather is making it easier to get the job done, adding the construction site is busy and crowded with workers taking advantage of the warmer temperatures.

Baker and Clouse said the projected date for completion is still Aug. 15.

Jack Rigney, director of Campus Recreation and Sports, said the early issues with the bad weather are not a problem anymore. He said they would make up for the time lost, which is about 10 days.

Matt Morrone, assistant director of Facility and Business Operations, said he spoke to the upcoming freshman and said many students are anticipating the center to be a place they can use year-round. Baker is hopeful that within the near future the building is going to take many more movements forward.

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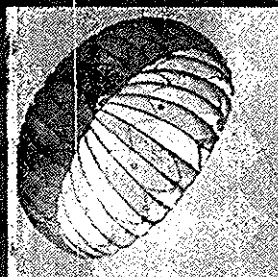
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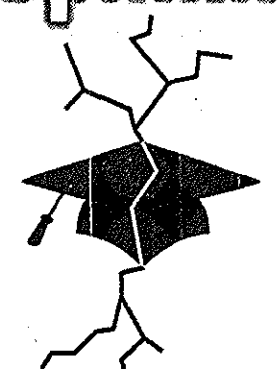
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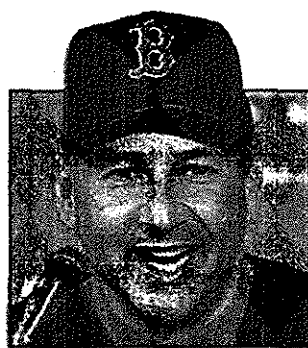
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► **Francona hospitalized**
Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona was taken to a hospital Wednesday with tightness in his chest and was expected to miss the Red Sox's afternoon game against the Yankees.

► **First Silas, now Paxson**
Sources say that Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert will fire general manager Jim Paxson.



YSU

The long road to recovery

YSU junior pitcher Josh Wells faced a daunting rehabilitation after Tommy John surgery but is back on the hill

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

There are few things that an athlete fears more than losing his ability to perform at the top of their game, and the greatest fear above all else is sustaining a serious injury.

Youngstown State University junior pitcher Josh Wells faced these fears nearly a year ago while warming up before a game.

One pitch during warm-ups tore ligaments in Wells' throwing arm. For a pitcher, any injury to the arm is call for concern.

"It's tough when you are a pitcher. All you do is throw and then someone tells you that you need surgery," Wells said, reflecting on the moment when he was notified that he would need Ulnar Collateral ligament reconstruction.

The procedure is more commonly referred to as Tommy John surgery, named after the Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher who was the first to have the procedure done in 1974.

The procedure uses healthy ligament from somewhere else on the body to replace the damaged tissue in the elbow. Estimates are placed at 85-90 percent for a full recovery compared to 1974 when chances for a full recovery were only one out of 100. It is also estimated that full recovery takes nearly one year from the date of surgery.

Wells, however, is different. The surgery the pitcher received took place on May 19 of last year,

and already the southpaw is sitting down batters.

Rehabilitation after the surgery left Wells feeling disheartened, he said.

"The rehab was painful," Wells said. "It was a long painful ordeal."

Part of the rehabilitation program for Wells did not concern weights and stretching, but overcoming doubts following the surgery.

"It took a long time before I even thought I could throw again like I had freshman year," Wells said.

The stage was set for a dramatic return to baseball for Wells only a few weeks ago in the first game of a double header against Duquesne. The Penguins, up 7-0 in the seventh inning, called on their talented left hander for his first action since March 7, more than one year since the injury.

Taking the mound for the first time after the surgery was an anxious moment for Wells.

"I was very nervous, I was shaking," Wells said. "All I could think about was my freshman year. Just throw strikes."

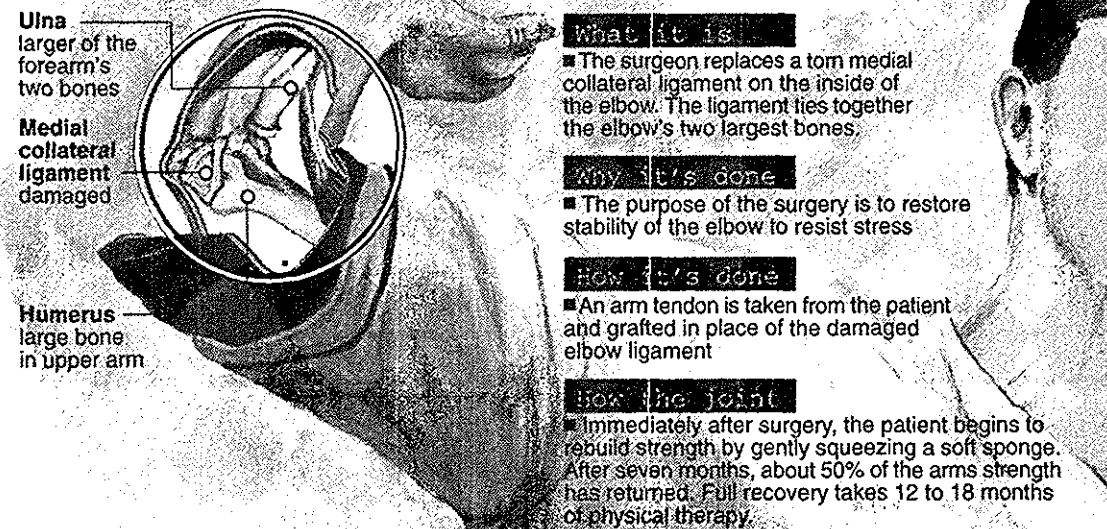
That is exactly what Wells did as he pitched a scoreless seventh inning to give the Penguins a 7-0 victory in his first outing.

After the game, Penguins' head coach Mike Florak said despite coming off an injury, Wells pitched superbly. Florak also said the timing for Wells' return had to be perfect.

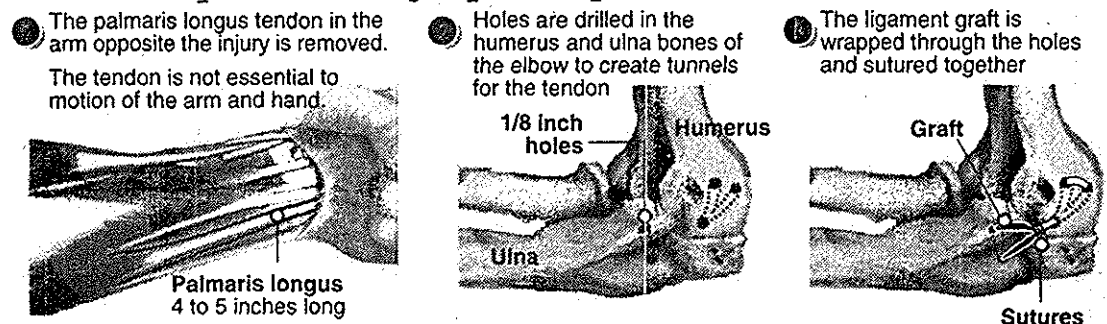
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Rebuilding a damaged elbow

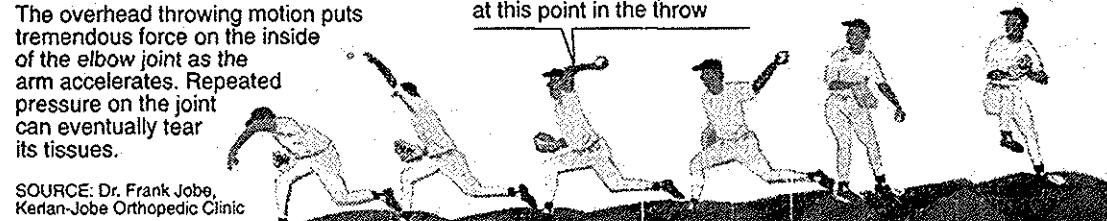
Thousands of people with injured elbow joints have received "Tommy John surgery," which was first performed 25 years ago on baseball pitcher Tommy John by Dr. Frank Jobe.



How 'Tommy John surgery' is performed



How injury can occur



Back from surgery

YSU junior pitcher Josh Wells is back with the squad after an almost year-long rehabilitation stint following Tommy John surgery. Wells said the rehab was a long painful ordeal, but threw a scoreless inning in his return for the Penguins just a few weeks ago. (Jambar photos by Chuck Rogers)

YSU

Grant, Edwards interview for vacancy; Slocumb to visit today

The personalities of the two candidates appeared to vary a great deal



EDWARDS

By Justin Smolkovich
The Jambar

Before a packed room of media, head basketball coach of Southern University Michael Grant spoke confidently of his abilities and what needs to be done at Youngstown State University.

Grant, who is one of three finalists up for the vacant head coaching position, was unabashed in his feelings

toward YSU.

"I cannot put it any simpler: I want this job," Grant said.

Being the first to interview for the job was a welcome relief to Grant, who said his energy set the bar high for the others to follow.

"I am glad I went first, I want the others to match my intensity," Grant said.

Grant, who is 42 and has been coaching for 22 years, said, he believes with his

knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise in Ohio recruiting, the Penguins' basketball team can once again return to the glory days.

Grant, who is the head coach of the Jaguars, previously held the position of head basketball coach at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, said recruiting is the key to any winning program. Grant also believes he can sell the university to any player and is confi-

dent in his ability to get top talent to play in Beechly Center.

"The bottom line is players," Grant said. "I think I can recruit with anyone in the country."

"I think, I know I can sell Youngstown State University."

Grant has been placed in the position of rebuilding programs twice before at both Central State and Southern, and said turning around pro-



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